

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION FOR DNRC FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY

Project Name: West Mullan Fire Salvage - TRUP

Proposed Implementation Date: October 1, 2013 - October 31, 2014

Proponent: Stimson Lumber Company

Type and Purpose of Action: Stimson Lumber Company has asked for permission to use existing roads on school trust lands within sections 10, 11,14 & 15 T17N-R26W to access their property for the purpose of salvage logging timber burned in the West Mullan Fire. Total estimated sale volume is 220 thousand board feet (approximately 50 log truck loads).

Location: Existing roads within Sections 10, 11,14 & 15 T17N-R26W (as shown on the attached map)

County: Mineral

Category (refer to ARM 36.11.447 (3)(a) through (w) for additional detail):

- a) ☐ Temporary Uses of Land with Negligible Effects
- b) ☐ Plans and Policies
- c) ☐ Leases and Licenses
- d) ☐ Acquisition of Land or Interest in Land
- e) ☐ Road Maintenance and Repair
- f) ☐ Bridges and Culverts
- g) ☐ Crossing Class 3 Streams
- h) ☒ Temporary Road Use Permits
- i) ☐ Road Closure
- j) ☐ Material Stockpiles
- k) ☐ Backfilling
- l) ☐ Gathering Forest Products for Personal Use
- m) ☐ Regeneration
- n) ☐ Nursery Operations
- o) ☐ Water Wells
- p) ☐ Herbicides and Pesticides
- q) ☐ Other Hazardous Materials
- r) ☐ Fences
- s) ☐ Waterlines
- t) ☐ Removal of Small Trees
- u) ☐ Removal of Hazardous Trees
- v) ☐ Cone Collection
- w) ☐ Timber Harvest (<100 MBF green or 500 MBF salvage)

By process of the adoption of the Forest Management Rules on February 27, 2003, pursuant to ARM 36.2.523(5)(a), the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Trust Land Management Division, has adopted the above categorical exclusions for activities conducted on state forested trust lands. "Categorical Exclusion" refers to a type of action that does not

individually, collectively, or cumulatively require an EA or EIS unless extraordinary circumstances occur (ARM 36.2.522(5)).

Extraordinary Circumstances:

Will the proposed action affect one or more of the following resources, species or situations in the project area? If the resource, species, or situation is present, but project design avoids potential adverse effects on the resource, the answer is "No". One "Yes" answer indicates that Categorical Exclusion is not appropriate for the project, and an EA or EIS must be conducted.

- | YES | NO | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | a) Sites with high erosion risk. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | b) Federally listed threatened and endangered species or critical habitat for threatened and endangered species as designated by the USFWS. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | c) Municipal watersheds. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | d) The SMZ of fish bearing streams or lakes, except for modification or replacement of bridges, culverts and other crossing structures. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | e) State natural area. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | f) Native American religious and cultural sites. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | g) Archaeological sites. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | h) Historic properties and areas. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | i) Several related projects that individually may be subject to categorical exclusion but that may occur at the same time or in the same geographic area. Such related actions may be subject to environmental review even if they are not individually subject to review. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | j) Violations of any applicable state or federal laws or regulations. |

The project listed above meets the definition of the indicated categorical exclusion, including specified conditions and extraordinary circumstances, as provided in the Forest Management Rules (ARM 36.11.447).

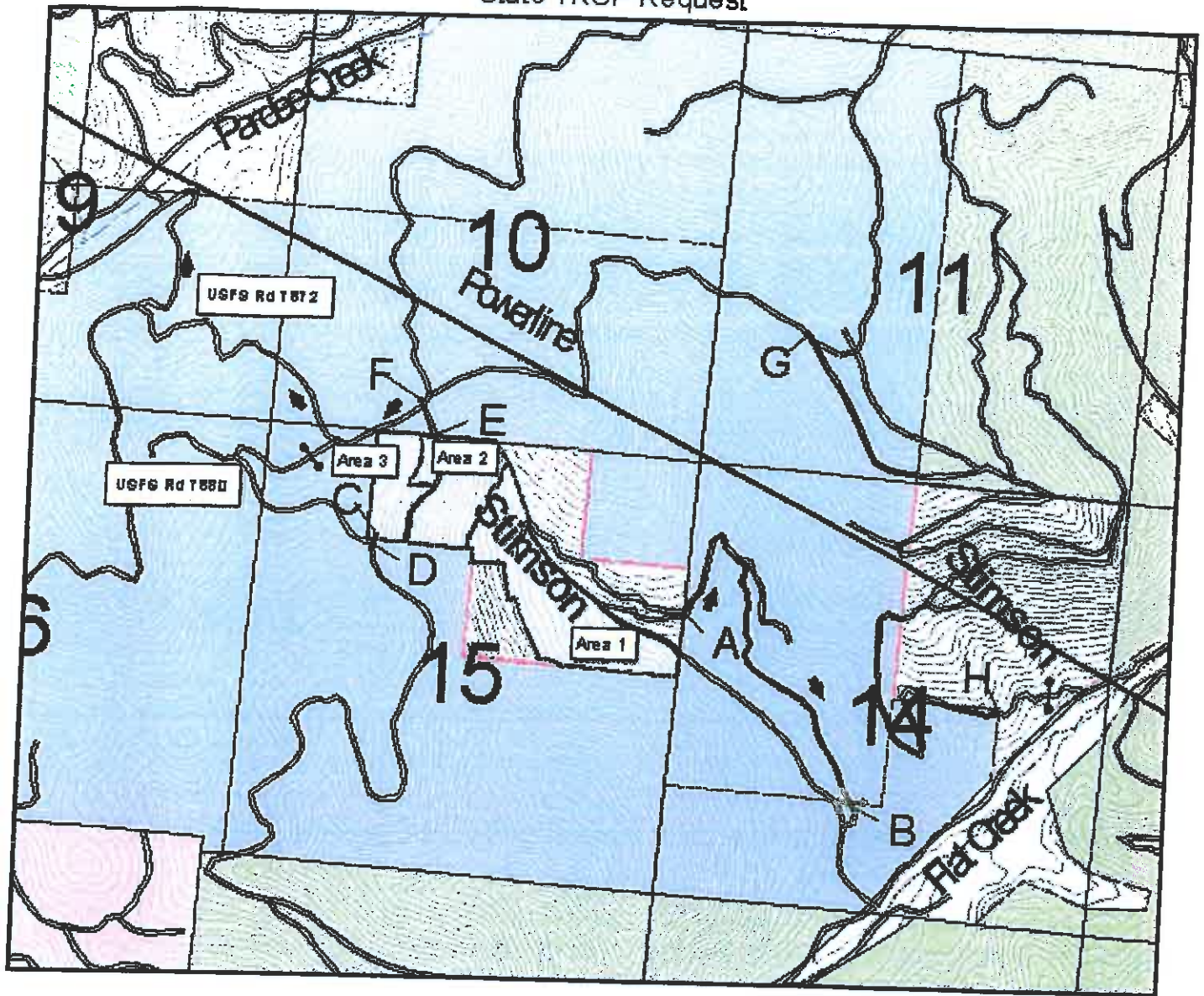
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Decision by: Anthony L Liane Area Manager, SW Land Office
(Name) (Title)
Anthony L Liane 9/27/13
(Signature) (Date)



STIMSON LUMBER COMPANY

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Sec 15, T17NR26W, P.M.M.
State TRUP Request



Access Route A-B: This road will be for mobilizing equipment and hauling approximately 120 mbf of sawlog volume off Area 1 to the Flat Creek Road.

Access Route C-D: The route will be use for mobilizing equipment and hauling approximately 40 mbf of sawlog volume to the Pardee Creek Rd.

Access Route E-F: Road will be used for equipment mobilization and hauling approximately 60 mbf of sawlog volume to the Pardee Creek Rd.

Access Route G-H: These road segments will only be used for mobilizing equipment. No hauling will be take place on this route.

Permit Road from State to Stimson
Powerline
Creek
40 ft. Contour
Haul Route Direction

Tributary Area
Stimson
PCTC
State
USFS

Scale: 1:24000

Date: 9/6/13

Map Type: Harvest

County: Mineral

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